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1. On 24 December 1953, in the outer harbor of Odessa, [] ship was boarded by the pilot, who took the ship through the eastern entrance into the port. The eastern entrance is located at Point No. 2 on the sketch of the port on page 4. [] ship docked at the left side of the first pier, [] 25X1
2. Immediately after the ship moored, the members of the inspection party, and a woman physician who appeared to be about 45 years of age, came aboard. The inspection group consisted of three or four customs or police officials, a woman radio operator, an Inflat representative, and four military personnel. The crew members gathered in one compartment to have their papers checked. The members of the inspection party formed four teams and by two's searched each compartment of the ship. Each of the four teams was accompanied by a crew member. 25X1
3. The inspection was very thorough and lasted about three hours. The woman radio operator sealed the ship's radio. Cameras, binoculars, and women's silk apparel were placed under lock and key. All books, magazines, and newspapers were carefully examined but were not sealed. The members of the crew were issued landing passes permitting them to go ashore the following day at 0930 hours. They could remain ashore until 2300 hours that night. After the inspection, three guards were posted on the pier alongside informant's ship, at the bow, stern, and amidships respectively.
4. On previous trips, [] most of the members of the inspection party spoke English, but on this trip the only language he heard spoken by the group was Russian. [] the members of the inspection group had been replaced for reasons of expediency. 25X1
5. The officers of the inspection party wore gray-beige uniforms and coats. Each coat had two rows of buttons down the front. The officers' 25X1

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caps were similar to those worn by [] city police. Each cap had a red star encircled by a light gold band. Each officer wore a leather Sam Browne over his jacket. The epaulets were light gold and the star insignia on the epaulets were silver.

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6. The pier at which [] ship berthed was constructed of wood and was about 150 meters long. A grain elevator was located approximately 50 meters from the shore end of the pier, [] cargo ship loaded with inflammable materials and miscellaneous goods was anchored forward of []
7. The day following its arrival in port, [] ship moored at the middle pier in the southern part of the harbor, on the right side of the pier. [] The ship remained at this position for about eight days, during which time its cargo of lemons and oranges was unloaded. The ship then moored at the left side of the same pier, [] and took on coal. Two 10,000 DWT ships could dock along each side of this pier at the same time. A warehouse which resembled a shed was located in the central part of the pier. [] The warehouse had a central heating system and was about 110 meters long, 35 meters wide, and 5 meters high.
8. There were many tugboat-icebreakers and small lighters in the harbor. The lighters were not engaged in loading and unloading operations.
9. The entire dock labor force in Odessa was unable to load or unload more than three ships simultaneously. About 30 percent of the dock workers were women.
10. In addition to the [] vessel moored near [] ship, the following merchant vessels were in port:
 - a. Three new Soviet tankers, each of which had an estimated dead weight tonnage of between 1,500 and 2,000. These ships were anchored []
 - b. An [] steamer which unloaded a cargo of oranges and lemons.
 - c. A 5,000 DWT steamer, also [] which unloaded coal.
 - d. The 4,000 DWT [] ship []
 - e. The 10,000 DWT [] refrigerator ship [] which unloaded frozen meats.
 - f. The [] steamer [] 10,000 DWT and under charter [] which unloaded coal.
 - g. A [] steamer of about 4,000 DWT which unloaded coal.
 - h. A new [] steamer, about 4,000 DWT, which unloaded oranges and lemons.
 - i. A 2,500 DWT [] steamship which unloaded oranges and lemons.
11. The following is the legend to the sketch of Odessa port on page 4:
 1. Position at which [] ship first docked.
 - A. Position at which [] ship unloaded cargo.
 - B. Position at which [] ship took on coal.
 2. Eastern entrance to the port. The water in the harbor was frozen to a depth of between six and ten centimeters.
 3. Wooden railing, approximately 150 meters in length.

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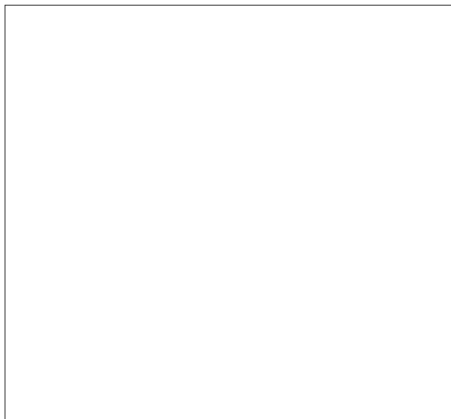


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4. Grain elevator.
5.  ship.
6. Wooden barrels of wine, about 1,000 in number.
7. Point at which water was about 35 feet deep.
8. Height of this pier above water was about two and one-half meters.
9. Five cranes, each having a capacity of about five tons.
10. Warehouse.
11. Railroad tracks.
12. Coal depot.
13. Floating drydocks.
14. Soviet tankers.

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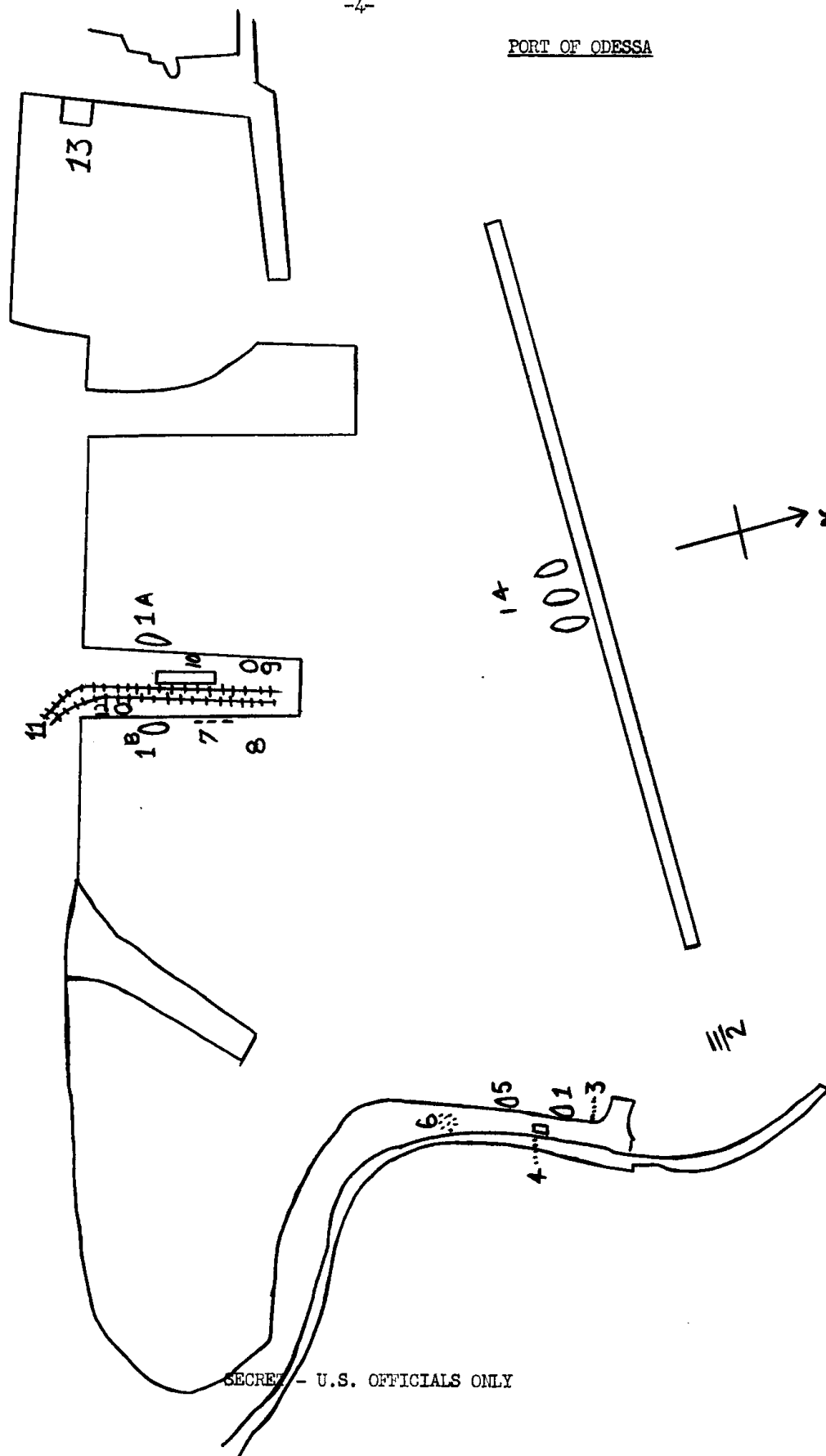
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